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SUBJECT: INCREASED BOAT REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND

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1. THE REGIONAL UNHCR REPORTS 755 BOAT REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND FROM APRIL 1-25. THE UNHCR BOAT REFUGEE OFFICER, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM SONGKHLA APRIL 26, SAID THAT REFUGEES TOLD HIM OF ANOTHER 20 REFUGEE BOATS HOVERING OFF SURATTHANI PROVINCE OF SOUTH THAILAND THOUGH THEIR DESTINATION COULD AS WELL BE MALAYSIA OR AUSTRALIA. APRIL LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MAY BECOME A RECORD MONTH FOR ARRIVALS IN THAILAND, AS IT ALREADY HAS FOR MALAYSIA.

2. THE CAMP POPULATION IN LAEM SING WAS 1062 AS OF APRIL 24; AND IN SONGKHLA 1143 AS OF APRIL 25. AS REF B INDICATES, MORALE AND OVERCROWDING ARE BOTH SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN SONGKHLA. OVERCROWDING IS ALSO A CHARACTERISTIC OF LAEM SING. THE THAI DO NOT GIVE BOAT REFUGEES AS MUCH ROOM TO BREATHE AS THE MALAYSIANS
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DO. THE SOGGKHLA GOVERNOR APRIL 25 TURNED DOWN THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE'S REQUEST TO EXAPND THE CAMP.

3. AN INS OFFICER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT LAEM SING APRIL 28 AND SONGKHLA MAY 2. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ARE BEING COMPLETED THIS WEEK ON 336 REFUGEES IN SONGKHLA AND WE HOPE TO MOVE SOME 125 OF THEM TO BANGKOK BY THE

END OF NEXT WEEK. ICEM HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED 170 REFUGEES
TO MOVE FROM LAEM SING TO BANGKOK MAY 3.

4. THE INS VISIT AND THE UPCOMING DEPARTURES FROM THE
CAMPS SHOULD TEMPORARILY ALLEVIATE PRESSURES IN BOTH
LOCATIONS NEXT WEEK. BUT THE RATE OF ARRIVALS PROMISES
CONTINUED OVERCROWDING AND AN INCREASING TEST OF THAI ACCEPTANCE
OF REFUGEES.
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